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Annual Report  
of  
Merrimack County  
New Hampshire



NEW COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

For The Year Ending  
DECEMBER 31, 1975



**REPORT  
of the  
COMMISSIONERS  
of  
MERRIMACK COUNTY**

Together with the  
Reports of the County Treasurer  
Clerk of Court, Sheriff, County Attorney,  
Nursing Home Administrator,  
Corrections Superintendent,  
Farm, Physician, Chaplains and Auditors

**FROM**  
January 1, 1975  
**TO**  
December 31, 1975

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*Merrimack County Board of Commissioners Chairman Albert M. Ayotte is sworn in by Hon. Donald W. Cushing, Judge of Probate, with Commissioner Peter J. Spaulding and Sheriff Ronald D. Daniels observing.*



1975 COUNTY OFFICERS. Seated (left to right): Carol E. Ingraham, Register of Probate; Honorable Donald W. Cushing, Judge of Probate; Patricia Fraser, Deputy Register of Probate, Standing (left to right): Ronald D. Daniels, Jr., Sheriff; Marjorie Gatherum, Deputy Register of Deeds; Kathleen M. R. Guay, Register of Deeds; Peter J. Spaulding, Commissioner; Richard D. Hanson, Treasurer; Edna C. McKenna, Commissioner; Richard A. Hampe, County Attorney. Absent: Albert M. Ayotte, Chairman, Board of Commissioners.

**COUNTY OFFICERS  
1975**

**Commissioners**

ALBERT M. AYOTTE, Franklin  
EDNA C. MCKENNA, Concord  
PETER J. SPAULDING, Hopkinton

**Treasurer**

RICHARD D. HANSON, Bow

**Coordinator**

RODNEY E. TENNEY, Concord

**County Attorney**

RICHARD A. HAMPE, Hopkinton

**Sheriff**

RONALD D. DANIELS, JR., Hopkinton

**Clerk of Superior Court**

HENRY DOWST, JR., Epsom

**Judge of Probate**

HON. DONALD W. CUSHING, Franklin

**Register of Probate**

CAROL E. INGRAHAM, Concord

**Register of Deeds**

KATHLEEN M. ROY GUAY, Concord

**Auditors**

ROBERT D. BRANCH, Concord  
FREDERIC T. GREENHALGE, Dunbarton

**Medical Referees**

PAUL S. SHAW, M.D., Concord  
ROBERT J. MORIN, M.D., Franklin

**MERRIMACK COUNTY REPORT****Merrimack County Home****Administrator**

ROBERT F. LETHBRIDGE, Boscawen

**Assistant Administrator**

MRS. MARY E. JELLEY, R.N., Concord

MRS. MARJORIE BURRIS, R.N., (Eagle Home), Concord

**Home Physician**

J. KENNETH McLEOD, M.D., Penacook

**Assistant Physicians**

PAUL S. SHAW, M.D., Concord

ROBERT J. MORIN, M.D., Franklin

**Chaplains**

ANDRE L. BEDARD, Franklin

REV. PAUL LYONS, Northfield

**Farm Manager**

WALTER R. LAMPRON, Boscawen

**Merrimack County****Corrections Department****Superintendent**

EDMUND A. COX, Penacook

**MERRIMACK COUNTY DELEGATION 1975**

- Dist. No. 1 (DANBURY, HILL, NEW LONDON, WILMOT)  
William F. Kidder  
Paul J. Ryan
- Dist. No. 2 (BRADFORD, NEWBURY, SUTTON)  
Kenneth L. Sherman
- Dist. No. 3 (HENNIKER, WARNER)  
John P. H. Chandler, Jr.  
David P. Currier
- Dist. No. 4 (HOPKINTON, WEBSTER)  
David B. Packard  
Irene J. Shepard
- Dist. No. 5 (BOW, DUNBARTON)  
Richard D. Hanson  
Bernadette McNichol
- Dist. No. 6 (HOOKSETT)  
Laurent J. Boucher  
Judith Ann Hess  
Doris J. Riley
- Dist. No. 7 (ALLENSTOWN, PEMBROKE)  
Raymond F. Chase  
Ovila Gamache  
George E. Gordon III  
Robert E. Plourde
- Dist. No. 8 (EPSOM, PITTSFIELD)  
Kenard F. Ayles  
Clarence E. Bartlett
- Dist. No. 9 (CANTERBURY, CHICHESTER, LOUDON)  
John O. Cate  
Kathryn M. Cushman

Dist. No. 10 (BOSCAWEN, NORTHFIELD)

Elizabeth S. Millard

Doris L. Thompson

Elmer S. Wiggin

Dist. No. 11 (ANDOVER, SALISBURY)

James A. Humphrey

Dist. No. 12 (FRANKLIN, Ward 1)

Arthur H. Labonte, Sr.

Dist. No. 13 (FRANKLIN, Wards 2 and 3)

Eugene S. Daniell, Jr.

Paul N. Estee

Katharine J. Ralph

Dist. No. 14 (CONCORD, Ward 1)

Milton A. Cate

Martin R. Haller

Dist. No. 15 (CONCORD, Ward 2)

Chris K. Andersen

Alice Davis

Dist. No. 16 (CONCORD, Ward 3)

Margaret H. Castaldo

Susan N. McLane

Dist. No. 17 (CONCORD, Ward 4)

H. Gwendolyn Jones

Kenneth M. Tarr

Dist. No. 18 (CONCORD, Ward 5)

Wayne S. Rich

Barbara J. Underwood

Dist. No. 19 (CONCORD, Ward 6)

Katherine J. Harriman

Linda Kenison

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Dist. No. 20 (CONCORD, Ward 7)  
Edwin B. Christensen  
R. Peter Shapiro

Dist. No. 21 (CONCORD, Ward 8)  
Elizabeth S. Hager  
John H. Noble

MERRIMACK COUNTY DELEGATION MEETING  
STATE HOUSE  
CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE

January 8, 1975

A meeting of the Merrimack County Delegation was held Wednesday, January 8, 1975 at 1:30 p.m. Thirty-nine members were present.

The meeting recessed for party caucuses.

After recess:

Rep. Plourde moved that the clerk cast one ballot for the following officers and executive committee.

John Noble, Chairman  
William Kidder, Vice-chairman  
H. Gwendolyn Jones, Clerk  
Clarence Bartlett  
Milton Cate  
Kathryn Cushman  
Arthur Labonte  
Judith Hess  
Kathryn Harriman  
Ovila Gamache  
Wayne Rich  
Kenneth Sherman

Rep. Daniell seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

Rep. Tarr moved "that the resolution authorizing continuing expenditures with certain conditions adopted by the Merrimack County Convention on December 4, 1974 be rescinded and that the following resolution be adopted in place thereof:

'RESOLVED, that until appropriations for expenses of Merrimack County for the year 1975 are made, departments and agencies are authorized to continue, in 1975, at rates of expenditure corresponding to the expenditures authorized for 1974.'

This resolution shall take effect on passage and shall remain in effect until the Convention of 1975 shall make new appropriations or shall otherwise order."

Rep. Noble seconded.

There was considerable debate on the motion.

Mr. Daniel J. Connolly, lawyer for the Convention in the case brought by the Sheriff, spoke to the Convention.

Rep. Kenneth Sherman moved the previous question. Rep. Cushman seconded. Motion Passed.

Rep. Tarr's motion Passed.

Rep. Daniell moved adjournment. Rep. Kenison seconded. Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Martin Haller  
ACTING CLERK

**MERRIMACK COUNTY DELEGATION MEETING  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING  
CONCORD, N.H.**

April 7, 1975

A meeting of the Merrimack County Delegation was held in the County Administration Building at 9:30 a.m., April 7, 1975. All members were present except Reps. Ryan, Currier, Shepard, Riley, LaBonte, Humphrey, and Andersen, leaving 37 members present and voting.

At the request of the Chairman, Rep. Hess explained the court's ruling on the Sheriff's suit. The Superior Court on its own has transferred to the Supreme Court the question of the powers of the County Delegation regarding the abolishing of two salaried Deputy positions in last year's budget.

The Budget was then taken up.

Under 1. Administration, Rep. Shapiro moved, seconded by Rep. Plourde, that the sum of \$3,000 be appropriated for review of the needs of the Superior Court re: new facilities and for renovation of the existing facilities, and that the Chairman of the Delegation shall appoint a "space committee" for all county buildings of which the Chairman shall be ex officio and that there be five other members, none of whom shall be members of the Executive Committee.

Rep. Daniell, seconded by Rep. Chandler, moved an amendment to this motion that "without the approval of the County Delegation, said space Committee shall spend no money on plans for a new Court House."

Reps. Shapiro, Plourde spoke to the motion. Rep. Chandler raised the question of mileage and expenses of the Space Committee.

Rep. Kenison, seconded by Rep. Hanson, moved that the Space Committee serve on a voluntary basis, unpaid and no mileage. Amendment lost on voice vote.

Rep. Gordon, seconded by Rep. Estee, moved that the Space Committee receive only mileage payments of 12¢ per mile, funds to be taken from the aforementioned \$3,000. Motion lost 13 - 26.

The Shapiro amendment, as amended by the Daniell amendment, then passed on voice vote.

Under Section 10. Corrections, Rep. Rich read for Rep. Humphrey an amendment: "I move the amount for the Correction Department be reduced by \$10,650 effective May 1, 1975, by abolishing the position of Rehabilitation Coordinator together with the amount appropriated for rehabilitation expenses and benefits." Rep. Chandler seconded the motion. (Rep. Humphrey was ill and unable to attend this meeting.) There was a great deal of discussion by Reps. Daniell, Chandler, McLane, Underwood, Gordon, Mr. Cox, the Jailer, and Commissioner Spaulding as to the qualifications and services of the incumbent. Rep. Shapiro called for the question, stating personalities were being discussed, not the position.

Motion lost.

Under Section 14. Eagle Convalescent Home, Rep. Chandler, seconded by Rep. Harriman, moved that salary increases be deleted and spoke to the motion. Reps. McLane, Tarr and Hanson spoke in opposition. Motion lost on voice vote.

Under Grants: Rep. Christensen, seconded by Rep. McLane, moved that \$8,000 be appropriated for the Community Action Program to provide low cost meals and transportation for the elderly. Rep. Noble explained how a misunderstanding as to funding eliminated this item from the budget. Reps. Daniell, Plourde and Ralph spoke for the motion. Motion carried on voice vote.

Rep. Cushman moved that the grant to the Merrimack County Conservation District be increased to \$4,500. Seconded by Rep. Rich. Motion passed on division 16 - 11.

Rep. Chandler, seconded by Rep. Harriman, moved that no action be taken on the \$111,806 provided for salary increases. This includes all county employees except Eagle Convalescent Center. Rep. Gordon spoke in favor. Motion lost on voice vote.

Rep. Gordon, seconded by Rep. Harriman, moved that expenditures from the contingency fund for travel, for salaries, or in excess of \$500 be approved by the Executive Committee. Motion carried.

Rep. Noble moved, seconded by Rep. Daniell, that the salary of the Register of Deeds be increased by \$500. Motion lost.

Rep. Cushman, seconded by Rep. Hager, that the County Attorney's salary remain at \$12,000. Motion lost.

Rep. Shapiro moved that the County Attorney's salary be increased to \$16,775 and spoke to this motion. Motion lost.

On motion by Rep. Cushman, adequately seconded, the budget resolution as amended was passed on a voice vote. The amended resolution included total expenditures of \$5,042,352, total revenue of \$3,387,570, and amount to be assessed on cities and towns of \$1,654,782. For details see 1975 Budget Resolution. (See pages 21-31.)

The following resolutions regarding revenue sharing allocations and the fiscal year reserve fund were adopted on voice vote:

RESOLVED, that the reserve fund established in the 1974 budget for the purpose of an eventual change of the county's fiscal year be discontinued and that the funds accumulated in the amount of \$250,000 be used as revenue in the 1975 budget.

RESOLVED, that Federal Revenue Sharing funds for calendar year 1975 be allocated as follows:

Administration Building Principal	\$ 50,000
48 Bed Addition Principal	61,931
Guards' Salary	<u>61,931</u>
	\$173,862

Meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

H. Gwendolyn Jones  
CLERK

**MERRIMACK COUNTY DELEGATION MEETING  
MERRIMACK COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
CONCORD, N.H.**

October 7, 1975

A meeting of the Merrimack County Delegation was held October 7, 1975 at 2:30 p.m. Chairman Noble presided. Representatives present were: Sherman, Chandler, Currier, Packard, Hanson, McNichol, Boucher, Hess, Riley, Chase, Gamache, Bartlett, Cushman, Millard, Wiggin, Humphrey, LaBonte, Daniell, Estee, Ralph, Davis, Castaldo, Jones, Tarr, Rich, Underwood, Harriman, Kenison, Christensen, Shapiro, Hager, and Noble. Thirty-two representatives were present.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss with and advise the County Commissioners on the matter of bids for the new addition to the County Home.

The original Bond Issue was for \$5,500,000. All bids received were far in excess of this amount. So the architectural plans were revised, and the second lot of bids were also over the expected amount. The smallest bid for construction was by Harvey in the amount of \$4,737,000. However, other items increased to:

Kitchen	\$130,000	Furnishings:	
Contingency	250,000 (ledge removal)	Bedrooms	\$200,000
Clerk of Works	45,000 (30 mos)	Shop equip.	20,000
Surveys	25,722	Housekeeping	12,000
Architects	<u>338,700</u>	Laundry	130,000
	<u>\$789,422</u>	Metal Shelving	40,000
Furnishings	<u>430,000</u>	Miscellaneous	<u>28,000</u>
	<u>\$1,219,422</u>		
Bid Amount	<u>4,737,000</u>		
TOTAL COST	<b>\$5,956,422</b>		

This means an over-run of \$456,422.

There was a great deal of discussion as to whether or not the number of beds could be reduced, how much of the loan the proprietary homes could assume, projections as to future costs if building and buying was delayed.

Mr. Lethbridge expected that some 124 beds of the new addition were already taken, and the prediction was for more patients seeking admission.

The County Treasurer Mr. Hanson reported that there might be some additional income if the withdrawals in the contingency fund were less than expected, and from some interest payments.

Rep. Harriman moved, seconded by Jones that the County Commissioners have the consent of the delegation to award the contract. Moved. The vote was 27 in the affirmative, 4 in the negative, and 1 left before the vote was called for.

AYES: Sherman, Currier, Packard, Hanson, McNichol, Hess, Riley, Chase, Gamache, Bartlett, Cushman, Millard, Wiggin, Humphrey, LaBonte, Estee, Castaldo, Jones, Tarr, Rich, Underwood, Harriman, Kenison, Christensen, Shapiro, Hager, Noble.

NAYS: Boucher, Daniell, Ralph, and Chandler.

The Sewerage Disposal Plant is under construction and delegates are invited to come to see it.

Meeting adjourned 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

H. Gwendolyn Jones  
CLERK

**MERRIMACK COUNTY  
PUBLIC HEARING AND  
DELEGATION MEETING  
Administration Building  
Concord, New Hampshire**

December 19, 1975

The Public Hearing on the proposed County Budget was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Chairman John Noble. The roll was called and the following representatives were present: Kidder, Sherman, Chandler, Currier, Shepard, Hanson, McNichol, Boucher, Hess, Riley, Gamache, Bartlett, John O. Cate, Cushman, Millard, Wiggin, Humphrey, LaBonte, Daniell, Estee, Ralph, Milton Cate, Castaldo, McLane, Jones, Rich, Harriman, Kenison, Christensen, Hager, and Noble.

The budget was explained by Commissioner Spaulding and Coordinator Tenney. Comments were raised by Peggy Towle of Central New Hampshire Community Mental Health Services, Inc., and Erik Leadbeater of Cooperative Extension Service. They were told to appear before the Executive Committee when they are conducting hearings on the budget.

Henry Newell presented a statement.

Cathy Raymond of Retired Senior Volunteer Program would like their grant continued as proposed in the budget.

Mr. Sumner Stanley, Selectman from New London, asked that the budget not be increased as taxes in New London are high now and this budget would about double them.

Some remarks and questions were asked by members of the delegation.

Meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

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The Delegation meeting was chaired by William Kidder.

Attorney (Judge) Lachiatto of Franklin spoke for the Bar Association on the need for additional court rooms. He was followed by Attorney

Donald Gartrell of the Merrimack County Bar Association who told how the present facilities were being used, but that they were inadequate. Attorney Gilbert Upton presented a statement covering the same material and Chief Justice Keller concurred with the remarks of his colleagues.

Rep. Harriman asked if space in either or both buildings could not be rearranged to cover this difficulty.

Rep. Daniell spoke at length regarding better use of the present facilities and suggested some possibilities; perhaps hearing cases on Friday as well as the other days of the week, and better scheduling. He maintained that the present jury court room was being used only at 35% efficiency for jury trials, and that there was space enough for two judges to be working at the same time. This two judge court was suggested by Judge Keller to increase court efficiency.

The Question was raised about the Space Committee being allowed to use its budget funds to make a study of the situation. There was a great deal of discussion.

Rep. McLane moved, seconded by Rep. Hager, "that the Space Committee be allowed to expend funds within its budget to determine space needs within the Court Building. This countermands the motion passed at the last meeting of the Delegation when the budget for 1975 was adopted." Motion Carried 22 yeas, 5 nays.

YEAS: Kidder, Sherman, Currier, Shepard, Hanson, Boucher, Hess, Bartlett, Wiggin, LaBonte, Estee, Ralph, Milton Cate, Castaldo, McLane, Jones, Rich, Harriman, Kenison, Christensen, Hager, Noble.

NAYS: Chandler, John Cate, Millard, Humphrey, Daniell.

Rep. Harriman, seconded by Rep. Hess, moved the following resolution: "Resolved, that until appropriations for expenses of Merrimack County for the year 1976 are made, departments and agencies are authorized to continue, in 1976, at rates of expenditure corresponding to the expenditures authorized for 1975 and the Treasurer is authorized to make payment on debt obligations of the County. This resolution will take effect on January 1, 1976 and shall remain in effect until the County Convention shall make new appropriations for 1976 or shall otherwise order." Motion carried unanimously.

Rep. Milton Cate, seconded by Rep. Humphrey, moved that an additional \$2,453 be appropriated to finish the Boscawen Sewage Treatment Plant. (This was originally voted in 1974, continued in 1975, and will be finished early in 1976.) Motion carried unanimously.

"Be it resolved by the Merrimack County Convention duly convened that the sums hereinafter detailed in this resolution are hereby appropriated to be paid out of the treasury of the county for the purpose of constructing a waste treatment plant at the county facilities located in Boscawen:

Construction	\$ 776,530
Technical Services	218,020
Legal & Fiscal	3,000
Administration	8,000
Contingency	28,450
Interest	6,000
Easements	1,000
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	\$1,051,000

Less Estimated Revenues:

Federal Share	783,005
State Share	209,065
Reimbursement for	
prior expenditure	16,447

Net Appropriation County Funds	\$ 42,453
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Be it further resolved that this resolution supercedes the appropriation for this purpose in the 1975 Merrimack County Budget, and

That the appropriations in this resolution shall not lapse until the project is completed, and

That no funds shall be transferred from this appropriation."

Coordinator Rodney Tenney reported on the financial difficulty involving the Eagle Convalescent Center. Since patient population has

declined, the costs have risen by about \$7.00 a day to about \$23.00. The State now owes the county about \$95,000. It is a question on the part of the State as to whether or not they agreed to pay this increase. It was mentioned that when we agreed to supervise and fund this facility for the State, they agreed to pick up the entire cost. We now have thirty Merrimack County patients there, the rest belong to Grafton and Hillsborough Counties. There was a discussion about closing on January 1, 1976, but it was finally agreed to leave it to the Commissioners to work out the problem with the State, if at all possible.

Meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

H. Gwendolyn Jones,  
CLERK

**MERRIMACK COUNTY  
BUDGET RESOLUTION  
1975**

- I. Be it resolved by the Merrimack County Convention duly convened that the sums hereinafter detailed in this resolution are hereby appropriated to be paid out of the treasury of the county for the purposes specified for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1975:

1. Delegation	\$ 10,000
1a. Space Committee	3,000
2. Administration	

Personnel	\$35,933
Operating Expenses	8,900
Other:	
Health Insurance	7,500
Retirement	7,334
Social Security	18,835
Insurance – Workmen's Comp	<u>5,177</u>

Total	\$ 83,679
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3. Treasurer's Department

Personnel	\$20,193
Operating Expenses	6,600
Other:	
New Equipment	500
Maintenance Agreement	<u>1,005</u>

Total	\$ 28,298
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4. Maintenance Department – Courthouse

Personnel	\$14,443
Operating Expenses	8,150
Other:	
Electricity	\$ 8,000

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Fuel	20,000
Insurance	<u>3,000</u>
Total	\$ 53,593

## 5. Register of Deeds

Personnel	\$62,700
Operating Expenses	8,145
Other:	
Printing and Binding	30,700
New Equipment	<u>2,275</u>
Total	\$ 103,820

## 6. Register of Probate

Personnel	\$ 5,400
Operating Expenses	2,369
Other:	
Microfilming	20,000
Printing and Binding	3,200
Communications	1,800
New Equipment	<u>1,600</u>
Total	\$ 34,369

## 7. County Attorney

Personnel	\$19,000
Operating Expenses	<u>1,905</u>
Total	\$ 20,905

## 8. Welfare Department

Personnel	\$25,080
Operating Expenses	650
Other:	
Food Stamp Program – Bond	450
Welfare Direct Aid	33,000

Old Age Assistance	6,000
Old Age Assistance — APTD	10,000
Nursing Home Care	125,000
Care & Board of Children	139,000
Communication	1,200
Travel	3,500
Soldiers Aid	20,000
New Equipment	<u>1,070</u>
 Total	\$ 364,950

## 9. Sheriff's Department

Personnel	\$80,840
Operating Expenses	12,000
Other:	
Fees to State Officials	6,000
Extraditions	3,000
Equipment	3,000
Auto Maintenance	<u>5,000</u>
 Total	\$ 109,840

## 10. Corrections Department

Personnel	\$140,671
Operating Expenses	31,350
Other:	
Meals & Board for Inmates	21,900
Heat and Lights	<u>6,000</u>
 Total	\$ 199,921

## 11. Medical Referee \$ 11,000

## 12. Superior Court

Personnel	\$80,000
Operating Expenses	16,600
Other:	
Jury Payrolls	35,000

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State vs. Payrolls	4,500
Referees and Masters	20,000
Stenographers	35,000
Clerk's Retirement	1,500
New Equipment	7,400
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Total	\$ 200,000

## 13. Nursing Home

## a. Administration

Personnel	\$57,027
Operating Expenses	13,000
Other:	
Health Insurance	46,575
Retirement	25,779
Social Security	78,140
Insurance	14,240
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Total	\$ 234,761

## b. Dietary

Personnel	\$103,519
Operating Expenses	25,000
Other:	
Food	217,500
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Total	\$ 346,019

## c. Nursing Services

Personnel	\$758,557
Operating Expenses	15,000
Other:	
New Equipment	5,000
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Total	\$ 778,557

## d. Plant Operations

Personnel	\$102,325
Operating Expenses	13,000
Other:	
Equipment	3,000
Electricity	32,000
Gas	6,300
Care of Equipment	17,000
Fuel	<u>80,000</u>
Total	\$ 253,625

## e. Laundry and Linen

Personnel	\$75,841
Operating Expenses	25,000
Other:	
New Equipment	<u>3,950</u>
Total	\$ 104,791

## f. Housekeeping

Personnel	\$88,707
Operating Expenses	<u>17,750</u>
Total	\$ 106,457

## g. Physicians

Personnel	\$19,350
Operating Expenses	500
Other:	
Purchased Drugs	<u>30,000</u>
Total	\$ 49,850

## h. Rehabilitations/Recreation

Personnel	\$33,232
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Operating Expenses	2,000
Other:	
Contractual Services – SES	9,000
Services to Residents	<u>14,000</u>
Total	\$ 58,232
Total Nursing Home	\$1,932,292

## 14. Eagle Convalescent Home

## a. Administration

Personnel	\$36,323
Operating Expenses	6,000
Other:	
Health Insurance	20,000
Retirement	21,000
Social Security	42,000
Insurance	<u>12,200</u>
Total	\$ 137,523

## b. Property and Related

Rent	\$66,000
Building Improvements	
(Alarm Bells)	1,100
Equipment	<u>2,000</u>
Total	\$ 69,100

## c. Dietary

Personnel	\$86,003
Operating Expenses	16,000
Other:	
Food	84,000
New Equipment	<u>1,000</u>
Total	\$ 187,003

## d. Nursing Services

Personnel	\$415,872
Operating Expenses	10,000
New Equipment	<u>8,000</u>
Total	\$ 433,872

## e. Plant Operation

Personnel	\$16,394
Operating Expenses	2,000
Other:	
Electricity	12,000
Water	5,000
Fuel	<u>32,000</u>
Total	\$ 67,394

## f. Laundry and Linen

Personnel	\$25,030
Operating Expenses	4,500
Other:	
Purchased Linens	<u>5,000</u>
Total	\$ 34,530

## g. Housekeeping

Personnel	\$45,432
Operating Expenses	3,000
Other:	
New Equipment	<u>1,000</u>
Total	\$ 49,432

## h. Physicians

Employee Physicals	\$ 2,000
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## i. Rehabilitation/Recreation

Personnel	\$ 5,200
Operating Expenses	900
Other:	
New Equipment	800
Service to Residents	<u>2,000</u>
Total	\$ 8,900

j. Salary Increases	\$ 69,194
Total Eagle Convalescent Home	\$1,058,948

## 15. Farm

Personnel	\$31,470
Operating Expenses	7,000
Other:	
Feed	15,000
Taxes	8,500
New Equipment	5,400
Special Projects	3,000
Insurance	2,800
Gas/Oil	2,100
Seed/Fertilizer/Spray	<u>11,750</u>
Total	\$ 87,020

## 16. Cooperative Extension Service

Personnel	\$40,581
Operating Expenses	15,197
Other:	
GSA Rent	<u>4,222</u>
Total	\$ 60,000

## 17. Grants

Concord Mental Health	\$45,000
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Visiting Nurse Association	12,000
Retired Senior Volunteer Program	3,500
Merrimack County Conservation District	4,500
Community Action Program	8,000
 Total	\$ 73,000
18. Salary Increases	\$ 111,806
19 Contingency	\$ 40,000
20. Debt Service	\$ 455,911
 TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$5,042,352

II. Be it further resolved that the salaries for the following positions be established as indicated:

Commissioners	\$ 3,000
Treasurer	3,000
County Attorney	15,000
Sheriff	18,700
Register of Deeds	16,275

III. Be it further resolved that the sums hereinafter detailed are hereby adopted as estimates of revenue from the sources indicated:

## 1. General Government

Superior Court	\$35,000
Register of Deeds	82,000
Sheriff:	
Writ Fees	45,000
Grants	6,048
Dispatch	9,406
Sale of Vehicles	2,000
Welfare:	
Board & Care of Children	8,000
Direct Aid	1,000

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Soldiers Aid	500
Old Age Assistance	4,000
Food Stamps	1,740
Revenue Sharing	<u>50,000</u>
Total	\$ 244,694

## 2. Corrections Department

Revenue Sharing	\$61,931
Miscellaneous	<u>4,000</u>
Total	\$ 65,931

## 3. County Farm

Sale of Milk	\$33,500
Sale of Livestock	1,500
Sale of Produce	1,500
Sale of Food to Home	20,000
Miscellaneous	<u>2,000</u>
Total	\$ 58,500

## 4. Other

Interest Income	\$185,000
Revenue Sharing	<u>86,045</u>
Total	\$ 271,045

## 5. Home and Hospital

Social Security	\$315,000
Welfare	850,000
Private	40,000
Medicine	50,000
Maintenance	30,000
Internal Income	66,300
Miscellaneous	<u>3,000</u>
Total	\$1,354,300

6. Eagle Convalescent Center	\$1,058,948
7. Fiscal Year Reserve	\$ 250,000
8. Prior Year Surplus	\$ 84,152
TOTAL REVENUE	\$3,387,570

IV. Be it further resolved that, the total appropriation being in excess of the total estimated revenues in the amount of \$1,654,782, the treasurer shall issue his warrant to the several towns and cities in the county for this amount pursuant to RSA 29:11.

**REPORT OF THE MERRIMACK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

To the Citizens of Merrimack County:

In accordance with the Revised Statutes Annotated, as amended, the Board of Merrimack County Commissioners herewith submits the annual report of the Commissioners for the year ending December 31, 1975.

The activity of each department is reported in detail in this report. The persons in charge of these departments will furnish any further details desired by an interested taxpayer.

This year the Board welcomed a new County Treasurer, Richard D. Hanson of Bow, and a new County Commissioner, Edna C. McKenna of Concord, the first woman ever to be elected as a Commissioner in Merrimack County.

This year has been one of rapid changes and increased services to the residents of Merrimack County. By mid-summer all departments had moved into the new County Administration Building. This building now houses the Commissioners' Office, the Treasurer's Department, the Registries of Deeds and Probate, the Welfare Department, and the Cooperative Extension Service.

The old Courthouse has been partially renovated this year. The Superior Court now uses the upstairs and downstairs courtrooms. The Sheriff's Department and the Probation Office now have new quarters on the first floor.

The Registry of Deeds completed microfilming all their records this year, and those in the Registry of Probate are in the process of being microfilmed. Microfilm provides maximum security for precious documents because a duplicate set is stored in an underground vault at a location other than the Registries. In addition, microfilm is more efficient and economical for the citizens of Merrimack County to obtain copies of their valuable records and documents.

For the first time this year the Commissioners held public hearings throughout the county on the proposed 1976 budget. This is a program we plan to continue to allow Merrimack County citizens and officials to familiarize themselves with county government.

For the first time in more than a decade the Board of Commissioners was involved in resolving road disputes in two towns in the County.

The Board hired a County Purchasing Agent this year, located at the nursing home, to handle all purchasing for the County to insure the lowest cost and greatest value for supplies and services to the County.

The Board instituted a Speaker's Bureau, where local groups, schools and clubs can obtain speakers from all branches of county government.

The Board increased its services to the citizens of the county through grants to Community Action Program, Central N.H. Community Mental Health Services, Inc., Retired Senior Volunteer Program, Visiting Nurse Association, Merrimack County Soil Conservation District, and Cooperative Extension Service. In addition, the Board of Commissioners serves on the Board of Directors for the Belknap-Merrimack Employment and Training Administration, and has sponsored a grant to Central New Hampshire Emergency Medical Services, Inc. The programs and services of these organizations are described elsewhere in this report.

The Board has been working with other counties throughout the year to deal with the increasing problem of housing female prisoners. This is an area which will require further attention in the near future.

The Board is in the process of upgrading the County Farm to make it more economical and productive in these changing times for agriculture in New Hampshire.

In closing, we wish to extend to our entire County organization our deepest thanks for their loyalty and devotion during the past year. To the Merrimack County Delegation for their aid and confidence, and to the many volunteer people and organizations who have given so generously of their time so that the people in our County Home might be a little happier.

MERRIMACK COUNTY BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONERS  
Albert M. Ayotte, Chairman  
Peter J. Spaulding  
Edna C. McKenna, Clerk

**REPORT OF THE COUNTY TREASURER**

To the Citizens of Merrimack County:

We in Merrimack County are very fortunate in having a triple A financial rating at a time when many other municipalities and counties are facing severe financial problems. This excellent rating is due to the high quality and well-run governments of the towns and cities that make up Merrimack County.

Because of our triple A rating, Merrimack County was able to borrow money for the five and a half million dollar nursing home project at a rate of less than six percent. This rate was established in July 1975, at a time when other municipalities were paying as much as eight percent interest.

The money from the nursing home bonds was reinvested in certificates of deposit in banks throughout the county, with some interest rates yielding more than seven percent. By investing in banks throughout the county, we have been able to contribute to the economy of all the county's towns as well as maximize the return on invested county funds.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every citizen of Merrimack County for their cooperation in all facets of the Treasurer's Office.

Richard D. Hanson  
COUNTY TREASURER

**REPORT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES**

Board of County Commissioners  
Merrimack County  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Gentlemen:

We have examined the Balance Sheet of Merrimack County as at December 31, 1975, and the related Statements of Revenue and Expenditures of the County and other County Activities for the year then ended. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly, included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the accompanying Balance Sheet and related Statements of Revenue and Expenditures of the County and other County Activities present fairly the financial position of Merrimack County as at December 31, 1975 and the results of its operations for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles for municipalities applied on a basis consistent with the preceding year.

Respectfully submitted,

David L. Connors  
Certified Public Accountant  
JOHN E. RICH & COMPANY  
Accountants and Auditors

## MERRIMACK COUNTY REPORT

**MERRIMACK COUNTY  
BALANCE SHEET  
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1975**

**ASSETS**

**Current Assets**

Cash		
Bank of New Hampshire	\$ 16,265	
County Extension Service	5,797	
Franklin National Bank	11,192	
Petty Cash Funds	<u>350</u>	
Total		\$ 33,604
Accounts Due the County		
Reimbursement – Sewerage		
Treatment Facility	121,833	
State of New Hampshire – Eagle		
Convalescent Home (Note 4)	171,329	
Patients – County Nursing Home	165,933	
Patients – Eagle Convalescent		
Home	51,117	
Other	<u>7,380</u>	
Total		<u>517,592</u>
Total Current Assets		\$ 551,196

**Federal Revenue Sharing Funds Cash**

Indian Head National Bank of Concord	51,424
Valley National Bank	44,488
Merrimack County Savings Bank	1,838
Concord Federal Savings and Loan Association	<u>10,074</u>
Total	107,824

**Unexpended Balance of Bond Funds Cash**

Cash-Checking Account - Concord National Bank	9,939
Cash-Checking Account - N.E. Merchants	
National Bank	86,624
Cash-Savings Account - N.H. Savings Bank	45,417
Cash-Certificates of Deposit	<u>4,920,000</u>
Total	5,061,980
Amount Required for Future Retirement of Debt –	6,980,000
TOTAL ASSETS	\$12,701,000

MERRIMACK COUNTY  
BALANCE SHEET  
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1975

## LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS

<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
Accounts Payable	\$ 254,462
Accrued Payroll Deductions	3,184
Unexpended Balance of Special Appropriations –	
County Extension Service	5,797
Register of Probate Salary	<u>3,758</u>
 Total Current Liabilities	\$ 267,201
 Unexpended Balance – Federal Revenue Sharing Funds	107,824
 Unexpended Balance of Bond Funds	5,061,980
 Bonds Outstanding	6,980,000
 <b>Surplus</b>	
Balance, January 1, 1975	84,152
Less: Surplus Used to Reduce	
1975 Tax Rate	(84,152)
Current Year	
Add: Revenue	\$ 4,746,984
Less: Expenditures	<u>4,462,989</u>
Surplus From 1975 Operations	
(Note 4)	283,995
Balance, December 31, 1975	<u>283,995</u>
 <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS</b>	\$12,701,000

**MERRIMACK COUNTY  
SUMMARY OF REVENUE  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1975**

	1975	
	Budget	Actual
General Government		
Taxes	\$1,654,782	\$1,654,782
Superior Court – Fines and Forfeits	35,000	31,453
Register of Deeds	82,000	83,248
Sheriff's Writ Fees	45,000	47,925
Sheriff – Other Grants	6,048	
Sheriff – Sale of Vehicles	2,000	
Probate – State Funds	7,291	7,291
Sheriff Crime Commission	9,406	
Board and Care of Children	8,000	9,474
Direct Aid	1,000	5,227
Soldiers Aid	500	744
Old Age Assistance	4,000	1,109
Revenue Sharing Funds Used – Bonds	50,000	50,000
Food Stamp Program Income	1,740	4,856
Federal Revenue Sharing Funds	86,045	56,854
Fiscal Year End Reserve	250,000	250,000
Interest Income on Certificates and Savings	185,000	205,426
Prior Year's Surplus Used to Reduce 1975 County Tax Rate	<u>84,152</u>	<u>84,152</u>
Total Revenue – General Government	<u>\$2,511,964</u>	<u>\$2,492,541</u>
Nursing Home Income	\$1,326,000	\$1,301,978
Corrections Department	65,931	63,639
Farm Income	58,500	57,315
Eagle Convalescent Home Income	<u>\$1,058,948</u>	<u>\$ 831,511</u>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b><u>\$5,021,343</u></b>	<b><u>\$4,746,984</u></b>

**MERRIMACK COUNTY  
SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1975**

	1975	
	Budget	Actual
General Government		
Administrative	84,365	83,191
Treasurers Department	29,280	28,175
Delegation and Space Committee	25,000	22,716
County Attorney	20,905	19,667
Register of Deeds	106,706	104,076
Register of Probate	42,236	28,200
Sheriff's Department	122,640	122,153
Medical Referee	11,000	9,582
Maintenance of Court House	54,643	54,492
Superior Court	217,618	217,618
Public Welfare	378,890	364,469
Soldiers Aid	8,110	8,110
Other	<u>377,454</u>	<u>327,051</u>
Total Expenditures –		
General Government	1,478,847	1,389,500
Nursing Home	2,164,653	1,946,601
Corrections Department	216,405	212,938
Farm	88,891	82,439
Eagle Convalescent Home	<u>1,072,547</u>	<u>831,511</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>\$5,021,343</u>	<u>\$4,462,989</u>

## MERRIMACK COUNTY REPORT

**MERRIMACK COUNTY – GENERAL GOVERNMENT  
DETAILS OF EXPENDITURES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1975**

	1975	
	Budget	Actual
Administrative		
Salaries	\$ 34,465	\$ 34,464
Employees' Social Security	18,835	18,589
Employees' Blue Cross Insurance	8,070	7,918
Employees' Retirement	7,334	6,967
Insurance – Workmen's Compensation	5,177	4,928
Outside Services	1,491	1,380
Printing and Binding	1,621	1,621
Administration Supplies	1,021	994
Communications	4,016	4,016
Travel	1,157	1,157
Equipment Repairs	100	79
Equipment Rental	1,078	1,078
Totals	<u>\$ 84,365</u>	<u>\$ 83,191</u>

Treasurer's Department		
	Budget	Actual
Salaries	\$ 21,175	\$ 21,174
Outside Services	1,200	754
Printing	700	171
Supplies	3,100	3,074
Communications	382	380
Travel	550	518
Equipment Repairs	1,198	1,198
Insurance	650	618
New Equipment	325	288
Totals	<u>\$ 29,280</u>	<u>\$ 28,175</u>

Delegation and Space Committee		
	Budget	Actual
Delegation	\$ 4,850	\$ 4,850
Space Study and Planning	2,425	141
Legal Fees	17,725	17,725
Totals	<u>\$ 25,000</u>	<u>\$ 22,716</u>

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	1975	
	Budget	Actual
County Attorney		
Salary	\$ 19,000	\$ 18,000
Outside Services	424	247
Printing and Binding	76	91
Supplies	350	418
Communications	630	763
Travel	300	23
New Equipment	125	125
Totals	<u>\$ 20,905</u>	<u>\$ 19,667</u>
Register of Deeds		
Salaries	\$ 61,786	\$ 61,293
Outside Services	1,812	1,812
Printing and Binding	33,450	33,071
Supplies	2,600	2,344
Communications	3,200	1,968
Equipment Repairs	750	700
Insurance	833	718
New Equipment	2,275	2,170
Totals	<u>\$ 106,706</u>	<u>\$ 104,076</u>
Register of Probate		
Salary	\$ 5,976	\$ 5,894
Special Salary Account*	7,291	7,291
Outside Services	150	115
Microfilming	20,000	7,824
Printing and Binding	3,200	2,656
Supplies	800	584
Communications	1,800	1,501
Equipment Repairs	232	232
Insurance	1,187	1,181
New Equipment	1,600	922
Totals	<u>\$ 42,236</u>	<u>\$ 28,200</u>

\*Due to Fiscal year grant.

## Sheriff's Department

Salaries	\$ 94,232	\$ 94,232
Operating Expenses – Education and Training	400	382

## MERRIMACK COUNTY REPORT

	1975	
	Budget	Actual
Fees Paid to State Officials	6,408	6,408
Office Expense — Stationery Supplies	1,782	1,612
Office Expense — Dues and Subscriptions	300	169
Office Expense — Postage	958	958
Office Expense — Photography	550	488
Communications — Tel. Dispatch	2,009	2,009
Office Expense — Extraditions and Travel	2,238	2,238
Communication — Telephone	4,397	4,347
Equipment	149	149
Auto Maintenance	6,353	6,246
Operating Expense — Insurance	2,531	2,531
Equipment — Office Machine — Furniture	383	384
Totals	<u>\$ 122,640</u>	<u>\$ 122,153</u>
Medical Referee		
Salaries	\$ 11,000	\$ 9,190
Outside Services		222
Communications		8
Travel		162
Totals	<u>\$ 11,000</u>	<u>\$ 9,582</u>
Maintenance of Court House		
Salaries	\$ 14,774	\$ 14,774
Electricity	14,470	14,470
Water	1,050	1,050
Fuel	18,568	18,568
Outside Services	2,200	2,089
Court House Supplies	2,200	2,167
Equipment Repairs	64	57
Insurance	1,128	1,128
Building Improvements	189	189
Totals	<u>\$ 54,643</u>	<u>\$ 54,492</u>
Superior Court		
Salaries	\$ 82,778	\$ 82,778
Outside Services	1,361	1,361

	1975 Budget	Actual
Printing and Binding	4,822	4,822
Supplies	5,852	5,852
Jury Payrolls	47,565	47,565
State vs. Payroll	5,701	5,701
Referees and Masters	22,828	22,828
Court Stenographers Fees	35,362	35,362
Communications	5,583	5,583
Travel	567	567
Clerks' Retirement Plan	1,565	1,565
Equipment Repairs	380	380
Insurance	627	627
New Equipment	<u>2,627</u>	<u>2,627</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 217,618</u>	<u>\$ 217,618</u>
 Public Welfare		
Salaries	\$ 24,155	\$ 24,155
Printing and Binding	62	62
Supplies	287	287
Food Stamp Program	689	689
Welfare Direct Aid	32,887	32,887
Old Age Assistance	5,708	4,970
Old Age Assistance – APTD	7,478	6,721
Outside Intermediate Nursing Home Care	154,751	141,825
Board and Care of Children	148,741	148,741
Communications	895	895
Travel	2,261	2,261
Equipment Repairs	233	233
New Equipment	743	743
Totals	<u>\$ 378,890</u>	<u>\$ 364,469</u>
 Soldiers's Aid	<u>\$ 8,110</u>	<u>\$ 8,110</u>
 Other		
County Extension Service	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000
Interest Paid – Tax Anticipation Notes	19,445	19,445
Interest Paid – Long-Term Notes	46,550	46,550
Concord Mental Health	45,000	45,000
Visiting Nurse Association	12,000	12,000

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	1975	
	Budget	Actual
Retired Senior Volunteer Program	3,500	3,500
Merrimack County Conservation		
District	4,500	2,360
Community Action Program	8,000	8,000
Bond Principal Payment — Admin. Bldg.	50,000	50,000
Bond Principal Payment — Hospital Impts.	30,000	30,000
Bond Principal Payment — 48 Bed		
Addition	70,000	45,886
Contingency	21,500	4,310
Salary Increases	6,959	
Totals	<u>\$ 377,454</u>	<u>\$ 327,051</u>

**MERRIMACK COUNTY – NURSING HOME  
STATEMENT OF INCOME  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1975**

	1975	
	Budget	Actual
Income	<u>\$1,326,000</u>	<u>\$1,301,978</u>
Operating Expenses		
Administrative	234,314	213,843
Property and Related Expenses	178,429	59,987
Dietary	329,862	325,633
Nursing Services	829,680	819,533
Maintenance	249,446	221,532
Laundry and Linen	108,795	92,161
Housekeeping	111,647	95,760
Physicians and Drugs	62,150	59,904
Special Services	60,330	58,248
Total Operating Expenses	<u>\$2,164,653</u>	<u>\$1,946,601</u>

**MERRIMACK COUNTY – NURSING HOME  
DETAILS OF INCOME  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1975**

	1975	
	Budget	Actual
Income		
Social Security	\$ 315,000	\$ 270,430
Welfare	850,000	912,414
Private	40,000	49,298
Medicine	50,000	4,100
Miscellaneous	3,000	5,143
Rooms to Employees	4,200	11,096
Meals to Employees	3,900	3,946
Internal Income – Medicines and Drugs	59,900	45,551
Totals	<u>\$1,326,000</u>	<u>\$1,301,978</u>

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**MERRIMACK COUNTY – NURSING HOME  
DETAILS OF OPERATING EXPENSES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1975**

	1975	
	Budget	Actual
<b>Administrative</b>		
Salaries	\$ 61,380	\$ 60,794
Social Security Taxes	77,840	72,794
Employees' Group Insurance	41,575	35,368
Employees' Retirement	20,629	13,556
Outside Services	1,213	1,193
Office Supplies	5,600	5,598
Postage	800	736
Advertising and Public Relations	350	278
Communications	6,300	5,512
Licenses, Dues and Publications	437	350
Travel, Auto	2,000	1,644
Conference and Education	1,300	1,273
Insurance	14,890	14,747
<b>Totals</b>	<b><u>\$ 234,314</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 213,843</u></b>
<b>Property and Related Expenses</b>		
Interest – Long-Term Debt	\$ 152,550	\$ 34,108
Interest – Short-Term Debt	25,879	25,879
<b>Totals</b>	<b><u>\$ 178,429</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 59,987</u></b>
<b>Dietary</b>		
Salaries	\$ 105,562	\$ 102,875
Supplies and Other Expenses	31,900	31,174
Purchased Food	213,322	213,322
New Equipment	978	162
<b>Totals</b>	<b><u>351,762</u></b>	<b><u>347,533</u></b>
Less: Meals to Jail and House of Correction	21,900	21,900
<b>Totals</b>	<b><u>\$ 329,862</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 325,633</u></b>
<b>Nursing Services</b>		
Salaries	\$ 812,680	\$ 803,741
Supplies and Other Expenses	15,231	15,466
New Equipment	1,769	326
<b>Totals</b>	<b><u>\$ 829,680</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 819,533</u></b>

	1975	
	Budget	Actual
Maintenance		
Salaries	\$ 103,046	\$ 90,178
Supplies	3,000	2,526
Electricity	35,900	32,871
Gas	12,000	10,236
Fuel	69,500	66,542
Care of Grounds	2,700	2,614
Care of Equipment	17,000	14,532
Building Repairs	9,700	7,137
New Equipment	3,000	1,296
Totals	<u>255,846</u>	<u>227,932</u>
Less: Allocations to Farm and Jail	<u>6,400</u>	<u>6,400</u>
Totals	<u><u>\$ 249,446</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 221,532</u></u>
Laundry and Linen		
Salaries	\$ 79,845	\$ 67,622
Supplies	10,000	9,478
Purchased Linens	15,000	11,788
New Equipment	3,950	3,273
Totals	<u><u>\$ 108,795</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 92,161</u></u>
Housekeeping		
Salaries	\$ 93,897	\$ 81,298
Purchased Services	250	57
Supplies and Other Expenses	14,000	11,638
New Equipment	3,500	2,767
Totals	<u><u>\$ 111,647</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 95,760</u></u>
Physicians and Drugs		
Salaries	\$ 20,150	\$ 18,800
Purchased Drugs	39,000	38,939
Supplies and Other Expenses	3,000	2,165
Totals	<u><u>\$ 62,150</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 59,904</u></u>
Special Services		
Salaries	\$ 30,330	\$ 29,693
Supplies	1,500	981
Services for Residents	21,500	21,279
Contractual Services	6,000	6,000
New Equipment	1,000	295
Totals	<u><u>\$ 60,330</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 58,248</u></u>

## MERRIMACK COUNTY REPORT

**MERRIMACK COUNTY – FARM  
STATEMENT OF INCOME  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1975**

		1975
	Budget	Actual
<b>Income</b>		
Sale of Milk	\$ 33,500	\$ 33,853
Sale of Livestock	1,500	2,556
Sale of Produce	1,500	601
Sale of Food to Dietary	20,000	19,139
Miscellaneous Farm Income	2,000	1,166
<b>Total Farm Income</b>	<b>58,500</b>	<b>57,315</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>		
Salaries	31,941	31,852
Social Security Taxes	1,900	1,863
Employees' Group Insurance	1,100	833
Employees' Retirement	500	405
Veterinary Fees	1,500	1,349
Breeding, Testing and Registration	1,450	1,367
Supplies and Other Expenses	2,500	1,869
Occupancy, Heat and Lights	400	400
Gas, Oil and Grease	2,300	2,281
Seed, Fertilizer and Spray	7,250	6,524
Feed	13,300	12,116
Bedding	300	261
Repairs to Buildings	950	13
Repairs to Equipment	2,600	2,587
Taxes	9,800	9,711
Rent	500	412
Special Projects	3,100	3,058
Insurance	2,800	2,793
New Equipment	4,700	2,745
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 88,891</b>	<b>\$ 82,439</b>

**MERRIMACK COUNTY CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT  
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1975**

	1975	
	Budget	Actual
Income		
Income	\$ 4,000	\$ 1,708
Federal Revenue Sharing Funds Allocated	61,931	61,931
Total Income	<u>65,931</u>	<u>63,639</u>
Operating Expenses		
Salaries	144,344	144,344
Social Security Taxes	8,312	8,312
Employees' Group Insurance	3,803	3,560
Employees' Retirement	2,500	2,216
Supplies and Other Expenses	10,498	10,326
Meals for Inmates	21,900	21,900
Medical Services for Inmates	5,191	4,201
Occupancy, Heat and Lights	6,000	6,000
Communications	1,795	1,688
Travel	200	122
Maintenance and Repairs	2,950	1,503
Rehabilitation Expense	3,550	3,404
Insurance	5,362	5,362
Total Operating Expenses	<u>216,405</u>	<u>212,938</u>

## MERRIMACK COUNTY REPORT

**MERRIMACK COUNTY – EAGLE CONVALESCENT HOME  
STATEMENT OF INCOME  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1975**

	1975	
	Budget	Actual
<b>Income</b>		
Social Security	\$ 126,032	\$ 113,774
Welfare	405,384	395,813
Private	52,520	48,790
Miscellaneous Income	700	747
Maintenance – Meals	7,000	5,851
Income from State of New Hampshire	467,312	266,536
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>\$1,058,948</u>	<u>\$ 831,511</u>
 <b>Expenses</b>		
Administration	\$ 142,513	\$ 102,241
Property and Related Expenses	82,699	80,268
Dietary	202,096	152,812
Nursing Services	466,538	346,693
Plant Operations	72,221	56,341
Laundry and Linen	38,402	38,333
Housekeeping	52,282	44,548
Physicians	2,000	1,018
Rehabilitation and Recreational Services	13,796	9,257
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>\$1,072,547</u>	<u>\$ 831,511</u>

**MERRIMACK COUNTY – EAGLE CONVALESCENT HOME  
DETAILS OF EXPENSES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1975**

	1975	
	Budget	Actual
Administration		
Salaries	\$ 41,313	\$ 34,498
Social Security Taxes	42,000	31,491
Employees' Group Insurance	20,000	14,263
Employees' Retirement	21,000	6,075
Office Supplies	900	405
Postage	150	160
Supplies	700	373
Advertising and Public Relations	250	204
Communications	3,000	2,060
Licenses, Dues and Publications	200	5
Travel – Auto	200	221
Conference and Education	600	236
Insurance	12,200	12,250
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 142,513</b>	<b>\$ 102,241</b>
Property and Related Expenses		
Short-Term Interest	\$ 13,599	\$ 13,599
Rent	66,000	66,000
Building Improvements	1,100	604
New Equipment	2,000	65
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 82,699</b>	<b>\$ 80,268</b>
Dietary		
Salaries	\$ 101,096	\$ 75,705
Supplies and Other Expenses	16,000	5,589
Food – Purchases	84,000	71,433
New Equipment	1,000	85
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 202,096</b>	<b>\$ 152,812</b>
Nursing Services		
Salaries	\$ 448,538	\$ 335,880
Supplies and Other Expenses	10,000	7,034
New Equipment	8,000	3,779
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 466,538</b>	<b>\$ 346,693</b>

	1975	
	Budget	Actual
Plant Operations		
Salaries	\$ 21,221	\$ 15,450
Electricity	12,000	9,754
Water	5,000	3,588
Fuel	32,000	19,843
Equipment Maintenance	1,000	5,498
Building Repairs	1,000	2,208
Totals	<u>\$ 72,221</u>	<u>\$ 56,341</u>
Laundry and Linen		
Salaries	\$ 28,902	\$ 30,990
Supplies and Other Expenses	4,500	3,449
Linen Purchases	5,000	3,894
Totals	<u>\$ 38,402</u>	<u>\$ 38,333</u>
Housekeeping		
Salaries	\$ 48,282	\$ 41,743
Supplies and Other Expenses	3,000	2,805
New Equipment	1,000	
Totals	<u>\$ 52,282</u>	<u>\$ 44,548</u>
Physicians		
Physicals	<u>\$ 2,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,018</u>
Rehabilitation and Recreational Services		
Salaries	\$ 10,096	\$ 7,744
Supplies and Other Expenses	900	283
Services for Residents	2,000	1,230
New Equipment	800	
Totals	<u>\$ 13,796</u>	<u>\$ 9,257</u>

**MERRIMACK COUNTY – FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING FUNDS  
STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES AND FUND BALANCE  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1975**

Available Funds, January 1, 1975	\$ 86,024
Add: Revenue	
Entitlements	
March 31, 1975	\$ 43,465
June 30, 1975	43,466
September 30, 1975	49,658
December 31, 1975	49,658
Total Entitlements	<u>186,247</u>
Interest	<u>4,389</u>
Total Revenue	<u><u>190,636</u></u>
Total Available Funds	276,660
Less: Expenditures	
Bond Principal Payments	
Administration Building	50,000
Forty-Eight Bed Addition	45,886
Guard Salaries – Jail and House of Correction	61,931
Public Notices	51
Interest – Forty-Eight Bed Addition	<u>10,968</u>
Total Expenditures	<u><u>168,836</u></u>
Unencumbered Fund Balance, December 31, 1975	<u><u>\$ 107,824</u></u>

## MERRIMACK COUNTY REPORT

**MERRIMACK COUNTY**  
**DETAILS OF THE UNEXPENDED BALANCE OF BOND FUNDS**  
**AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1975**

Unexpended Balance, January 1, 1975	Total	Admn. Bldg.	48 Bed Addition	200 Bed Addition
	\$ 197,932	\$ 114,220	\$ 83,712	\$ _____

**Income**

Proceeds of 6%, Twenty-Year Bond Issue, Issued 7/15/75	5,500,000			5,500,000
Special Appropriation				
Carried Forward	13,000	13,000		
Insurance Reimbursement	748	748		
Total Income	5,513,748	13,748		5,500,000
Total Available Funds	5,711,680	127,968	83,712	5,500,000

**Expenses**

Contractors	290,705	62,266	58,119	170,320
Architects' Fees	254,896	6,167		248,729
Other	103,283	48,464	21,321	33,498
Interest — Net	816			816
Total Expenses	649,700	116,897	79,440	453,363

**Unexpended Balance, December**

31, 1975*	\$ 5,061,980	\$ 11,071	\$ 4,272	\$ 5,046,637
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\*Deposited as follows:

Checking Accounts			
Concord National Bank		\$ 9,939	
New England Merchants National Bank		86,624	96,563
Savings Account — New Hampshire Savings Bank			45,417
Certificates of Deposit			
New England Merchants National Bank, 7.00%, Due 4/20/76		1,000,000	
New England Merchants National Bank, 7.375%, Due 7/22/76		2,000,000	
New London Trust Company, 6.75%, Due 1/19/76		300,000	
Bank of New Hampshire, 6.75%, Due 1/19/76		500,000	
Bank of New Hampshire, Due 2/29/76		170,000	

Valley National Bank, Due 2/22/76	300,000
Indian Head National Bank, 6.50%, Due 2/22/76	650,000
	<u>4,920,000</u>
Unexpended Balance, December 31, 1975	\$5,061,980

**MERRIMACK COUNTY  
DETAILS OF BOND AND NOTE INDEBTEDNESS  
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1975**

#### Amount Required for Future Retirement of Debt

<b>Public Improvement Bonds</b>	
New Administration Building	\$ 900,000
County Nursing Home – Hospital Improvement	300,000
County Nursing Home – Two Hundred Bed Addition	5,500,000
<b>Long-Term Notes</b>	
Forty-Eight Bed Addition – County Nursing Home	280,000
Total Amount Required for Future Retirement of Debt	<u>\$6,980,000</u>

### Bonds and Notes Payable

4.90% Public Improvement Bonds Payable	\$ 900,000
3.75% Public Improvement Bonds Payable	300,000
6.75% Five-Year Notes Payable – Concord National Bank	280,000
6.00% Public Improvement Bonds Payable	<u>5,500,000</u>
 Total Bonds and Notes Payable	 <u>\$6,980,000</u>

### Total Bonds and Notes Payable

#### **Debt Requirements for the Year Ended December 31, 1976**

	Total	Principal	Interest
Administration Building	\$94,100	\$ 50,000	\$ 44,100
Hospital Improvement	40,688	30,000	10,688
Forty-Eight Bed Addition	88,900	70,000	18,900
Two Hundred Bed Addition	\$605,000	275,000	330,000
Total Debt Requirement	\$828,688	\$425,000	\$ 403,688

**MERRIMACK COUNTY – EXTENSION SERVICE  
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1975**

BALANCE, JANUARY 1, 1975	\$ 4,091
<b>Receipts</b>	
1975 Appropriation – Merrimack County	\$ 60,000
Other Income	<u>10,494</u>
Total Receipts	<u>70,494</u>
Total Receipts and Balance	<u>74,585</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>	
Forestry Agent	16,697
Agricultural Agent	13,019
4H Youth Development Agent I	11,222
Home Economist	11,591
4H Youth Development Agent II	9,915
Community Resource Development Agent	2,566
Dairy Agent	2,355
Area Agent – Poultry Management	<u>1,423</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>68,788</u>
<b>BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 1975 –</b>	
Checking Account – Concord National Bank	<u>\$ 5,797</u>

**MERRIMACK COUNTY – SUPERIOR COURT  
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1975**

CASH BALANCE, JANUARY 1, 1975	\$ 22,445
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**Receipts**

County Orders	\$ 51,325
Bail Posted	28,980
Bonds Posted	10,456
Civil Cases	7,545
Equity Cases	7,535
Printing	7,053
Fines	6,529
Fees	6,055
Printing Transcript Cases	1,964
State Credit	1,010
Postage Receipts	868
Trustee Receipts	100
Other	4
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$129,424</b>
<b>Total Receipts and Balance</b>	<b>151,869</b>

**Disbursements**

Clerk and Clerical Hire	\$ 82,452
Cash Bail Returned	34,833
Cash Bonds Returned	9,106
Printing Expense	5,404
Trustee Funds Returned	1,081
Postage Expense	353
Other	25
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>133,254</b>

CASH BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 1975*	\$ 18,615
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\*Balance comprised as follows:

Bail Held for Return	\$ 13,875
Bonds Held for Return	1,850
Printing Fees	1,650
Trustee Deposits Held for Return	1,236
Other	4
	<b>\$ 18,615</b>

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

The accounts of the County are maintained on the modified accrual basis of accounting with revenue not received and expenditures not paid being accrued at year end, except accrued interest on outstanding indebtedness, which is paid together with matured indebtedness from appropriations of the following year. Inventories are not recorded as assets but are expensed in the year acquired. Maintenance, operating and office supplies are not inventoried. Capital expenditures for property, plant, equipment, renewals and betterments are expensed as incurred, as are expenditures for maintenance and repairs. The budget figures shown have been adjusted for authorized transfers.

**2. New Two Hundred Bed Addition to County Home**

On July 15, 1975, Merrimack County issued a \$5,500,000 Bond Issue at 6.00% interest, repayable at \$275,000 a year over a twenty year period commencing July 15, 1976. The proceeds of this Bond Issue were used to construct a two hundred bed addition to the County Home.

**3. Other**

Payments to the Superior Court clerk's special retirement program have been made under protest until a declaratory judgment is received.

**4. Reimbursement from State of New Hampshire for Operation of Eagle Convalescent Home**

These financial statements are prepared on the premise that the County will be reimbursed in full by the State of New Hampshire Welfare Department for the loss on operations of the Eagle Convalescent Center.

Remaining Unreimbursed Loss, 1974	\$ 4,296
Remaining Unreimbursed Loss, 1975	<u>167,033</u>
Total Due from N. H. Welfare Department	<u>\$171,329</u>

## RECEIPTS FROM CITIES AND TOWNS

Allenstown	\$ 38,275.11
Andover	24,275.65
Boscawen	34,932.45
Bow	184,839.15
Bradford	24,854.83
Canterbury	22,372.65
Chichester	16,630.56
Concord	511,112.51
Danbury	13,370.64
Dunbarton	20,717.87
Epsom	31,192.64
Franklin	89,093.46
Henniker	42,378.97
Hill	13,105.87
Hooksett	103,688.64
Hopkinton	73,935.66
Loudon	29,057.97
Newbury	51,430.62
New London	106,104.62
Northfield	30,911.33
Pembroke	55,021.50
Pittsfield	26,145.56
Salisbury	16,233.41
Sutton	32,516.47
Warner	30,828.59
Webster	17,110.45
Wilmot	14,644.82

\$1,654,782.00

## MERRIMACK COUNTY REPORT

**COUNTY AUDITORS' REPORT**  
**Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1975**

**Merrimack County Treasurer's Account**

Balance on hand January 1, 1975	\$ 126,504.85
Receipts – Year ending December 31, 1975	8,994,408.19
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Disbursements – Year ending December 31, 1975	9,120,913.04
Balance on Hand December 31, 1975	9,241,572.78
Add checks outstanding December 31, 1975	(120,659.74)

Plus deposits in transit	64,510.22
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Balance on Hand December 31, 1975	148,367.35
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	\$ 27,707.61

**Reconcilliation**

Balance in Bank of N.H., N.A.	
as per statement of December 31, 1975	\$ 74,494.58
Less checks outstanding	112,739.54
Plus deposits in transit	<hr/>

Ledger balance	\$ 16,265.26
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Balance in Franklin Nat'l Bank	
as per statement of December 31, 1975	8,290.61
Less checks outstanding	7,098.26
Plus deposits in transit	<hr/>

Ledger balance	\$ 11,192.35
Petty cash	250.00
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TOTAL	\$ 27,707.61

**INDEBTEDNESS – DECEMBER 31, 1975**

Outstanding Temporary Loans in Anticipation of Taxes	\$ NONE
Outstanding Long Term Notes	\$ 280,000.00
Outstanding Bonds	\$ 6,700,000.00
Bills Owed by County	\$ (not available)

## COUNTY TAXES UNCOLLECTED – DECEMBER 31, 1975

County Taxes Due from Towns and Cities	\$	NONE
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Robert D. Branch  
Frederic T. Greenhalge  
COUNTY AUDITORS

February 20, 1976

**REPORT OF CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT**

Merrimack County in account with Henry Dowst, Jr., Clerk  
 (January Term, 1975 — January 1, 1975 through March 31, 1975)

**Charge County**

Allowance — Clerk and clerical hire	\$19,400.11
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**Credit County**

Entry fees	\$ 3,945.00
Fees collected by Clerk	1,365.94
Transfers to Supreme Court	75.00

## Fines collected in State Cases:

1968      State v Ashley	50.00
2008      State v Luneau	100.00
1985A    State v Miner	100.00
2216      State v Goss	125.00
1541A    State v Parker	100.00
2063A    State v Collins	100.00
1629A    State v Noyes	100.00
1198      State v Blazon	49.00
1976      State v Lincoln	<u>15.00</u>
	739.00
Misc. cash received	3.70
Rules of Court	40.00
Xerox copies	25.25
Clerk and clerical hire drawn	<u>13,206.22</u>
	\$19,400.11

April 3, 1975 Approved.

William W. Keller  
 Presiding Justice

Merrimack County in account with Henry Dowst, Jr., Clerk  
 (April Term, 1975 — April 1, 1975 through August 31, 1975)

**Charge County**

Allowance — Clerk and clerical hire	\$35,175.10
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Misc. cash paid out (fee refund)	<u>7.00</u>
	\$35,182.10

**Credit County**

Entry fees	\$ 7,115.00
Fees collected by Clerk	2,551.50
Transfers to Supreme Court	75.00

## Transcripts:

1620 State v Vassillion	55.00
21,280 Allard v Thalheimer	87.00
21,506 Petell v Petell	185.00
22,337 Doe v Thomson	<u>58.50</u>
	385.50

## Fines collected in State cases:

2421A State v Denning	125.00
1976 State v Lincoln	50.00
1976 State v Lincoln	35.00
2417A State v Fain	30.00
1508 State v Hubert	125.00
2608A-B State v Mitchell	100.00
2617A-B State v Richardson	100.00
2022-3 State v Fedolfi	600.00
2579 State v Bouchard	125.00
2142 State v Whiting	500.00
1822 State v Ethridge	<u>50.00</u>
	1,840.00

Misc. cash received	3.40
Rules of Court	10.00
Bondsman fees	200.00
Clerk and clerical hire drawn	<u>23,001.70</u>
	\$35,182.10

September 9, 1975 Approved.

Martin F. Loughlin  
Presiding Justice

Merrimack County in account with Henry Dowst, Jr., Clerk  
 (September Term, 1975 – September 1, 1975 through December 31, 1975)

**Charge County**

Allowance — Clerk and clerical hire	\$28,188.00
Misc. cash paid out (fee refund)	2.00
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	\$28,190.88

**Credit County**

Entry fees	\$ 5,030.00
Fees collected by Clerk	2,137.29
Transfers to Supreme Court	225.00
Transcripts:	
22,627 Bennett v Gilman	248.00
22,396 Canterbury v Patsfield	251.00
16,443 Steenbeke v Harrison	361.00
15,823 Gintzler v Melnick	412.00
22,635 Rinden v Marx	19.00
22,587 Concord School v Education Assn.	4.00
19,454 State Farm Ins. v Carpenter	156.00
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	1,451.00

Fines collected in State cases:

1415 State v Jones	250.00
2273 State v Cross	250.00
2413 State v Sante	250.00
2634 State v Fish	100.00
2640 State v Chartier	250.00
2248 State v Supry	100.00
2218 State v Rodgers	100.00
2556 State v Nowak	125.00
2568 State v LeClerc	125.00
2405 State v Hudon	125.00
1978 State v St. George	100.00
2473A State v Poire	100.00
2593 State v Merchant	150.00
2630 State v Locke	125.00
2126A State v Nelson	500.00
2573 State v Smith	125.00
2662 State v Haller	125.00
2235 State v Savage	50.00

2277A	State v Krupa	100.00
2854	State v Philbrook	150.00
2872	State v Larrivee	250.00
2905A	State v Clark	20.00
2324A	State v Hutchins	80.00
2619	State v Fessenden	25.00
2667	State v Lauze	125.00
2877	State v Mahoney	250.00
		<u>3,950.00</u>
Misc. cash received		20.64
Rules of Court		20.00
Bondsman fee		100.00
Sale of IBM typewriter		140.00
Clerk and clerical hire drawn		<u>15,116.95</u>
		\$28,190.88

January 9, 1976 Approved.

William F. Batchelder  
Presiding Justice

**REPORT OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY**

The following is a summary of the cases handled by the office of the County Attorney during the period January 1, 1975 through December 31, 1975.

**FELONIES**

Awaiting trial or under investigation January 1, 1975	332
Received during the year 1975	428
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760	
Disposed of during 1975:	
Guilty pleas	166
Pled to a lesser charge	52
Not indicted	14
Nol prossed	83
Handled by Attorney General	9
Trials, Superior Court only	10
Not guilty by reason of insanity	1
Dismissed	5
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	340
	340
Awaiting trial or under investigation December 31, 1975	<hr/>
	420
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760	
Reciprocal Support actions	79

**MISDEMEANORS**

Awaiting trial or under investigation January 1, 1975	300
Received during the year	331
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661	

Disposed of during 1975:

Guilty pleas	28
Appeals withdrawn, not perfected or remanded	54
Nol prossed	25
Trials, Superior Court only & jury waived	11
Pled to a lesser charge	15
Miscellaneous	2

Attorney General's office	1
	136
Awaiting trial or under investigation	
December 31, 1975	<u>525</u>
	661

Richard A. Hampe  
MERRIMACK COUNTY ATTORNEY

#### **REPORT OF THE MERRIMACK COUNTY SHERIFF**

To the Board of Commissioners of Merrimack County:

Having served as sheriff of Merrimack County for the past five years, I have had the pleasure of observing county government become more efficient and productive in its services to the citizens of Merrimack County and New Hampshire.

The office of the Sheriff's Department has seen many changes from a fee and per diem system to a salaried professional law enforcement group of young, well-trained and highly qualified deputies.

We have advanced from privately owned vehicles of all descriptions to a fleet of uniform vehicles equipped with prisoner transportation cages, radios, and other police equipment, making the department more proficient in carrying out its duties.

These major changes in the department have not resulted in increases in the net cost to the taxpayer, because all monies from civil process are now returned to the county. This system has resulted in a decrease in the overall taxpayer cost of the department since 1973, when we were on a per diem system.

The following tables illustrate the increase of work load to the department from 1973 to 1975 and departmental activity for the year 1975.

We are proud of the success of the Merrimack County Dispatch System. The Dispatch Center operates on a twenty-four hour basis, seven days a week. This year the Center provided service to the Sheriff's Department, the County House of Correction and Jail, Nault's Ambulance Service, the Department of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, the Drug Enforcement Administration, and police departments in the towns of Allenstown, Andover, Boscawen, Canterbury, Dunbarton, Hopkinton, Pittsfield, Salisbury, and Webster, for a total of 28,739 telephone calls and 56,029 radio transmissions. The Dispatch Center has resulted in increased efficiency to local police departments by reducing response time when citizens are in need of police assistance. The Dispatch System has recently installed an emergency generator system to be utilized in time of emergency, thereby insuring support for the outstanding service the Dispatch System performs.

In closing I would like to thank you, the County Commissioners, and County Attorney Richard Hampe, for the support and aid given us, as well as the citizens and public officials who have supported the Merrimack County Sheriff's Department in its endeavors to reduce crime and provide proficiency in the Justice System for Merrimack County and the Nation.

Ronald D. Daniels, Jr.  
MERRIMACK COUNTY SHERIFF

**SHERIFF DEPARTMENT SERVICES**  
**1973 - 1975**

	1973	1974	1975	Percent Increase
Investigations	108	202	122	12.9%
Capias/Warrant Arrests	140	182	303	116.4%
Prisoner Transfers	542	689	710	30.9%
Civil Services		4,100	5,465	33.2%

**INVESTIGATIONS**  
**1975**

	Opened	Unfounded	Cleared	Percent Cleared	National Average
Violent Crimes	10	2	5	62.5%	59.8%
Property Crimes	52	1	24	47.0%	17.6%
Fugitive Cases	15	0	7	46.7%	
Miscellaneous Offenses	<u>45</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>75.6%</u>	
Total	122	3	70	54.7%	44.0%

	Stolen	Recovered	Percent Recovered
Value of Property	\$42,105.10	\$18,687.69	44.4%
Value of Drugs Seized	\$ 7,526.00		

**CAPIAS/WARRANT ARRESTS**  
**1975**

	Adult
Capias (Indictment)	179
Capias (Contempt)	88
Warrant (Bench and Other Dept's)	<u>36</u>
Total	303

**INVESTIGATIVE ARRESTS  
1975**

	Adult	Juvenile
Criminal Arrests	19	0
Criminal Assisted Arrests	47	3
Motor Vehicle Arrests	5	0
Motor Vehicle Assisted Arrests	5	0
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Sub Total	76	3
Total		79

**PRISONER TRANSFERS  
1975**

Total Prisoner Transfers	710
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**CIVIL SERVICES  
1975**

Writs, Attachments, Libels, Orders, Subpoenas, Etc. Served	5,465
 Fees for above services which are returned to county as income	
Received	\$50,371.81
Accounts Receivable	<u>4,464.99</u>
Total Income for County	\$54,836.80

**REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATOR  
MERRIMACK COUNTY NURSING HOME AND FARM  
BOSCAWEN, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

To the Merrimack County Board of Commissioners:

The opening of the 48-bed North Branch addition, the commencement of construction of the 200-bed addition, and the closing of the Eagle Convalescent Center caused much activity at the County Nursing Home during 1975.

On a wet and snowy afternoon in January the North Branch addition was opened. The first few month of 1975 saw the patients move in and the operation actually begun. During the year, the type of patient admitted to that floor changed drastically from self care to ICF. Credit must be given to all of the staff members who helped during this transitional period.

With the first set of bids for construction of the 200-bed addition coming in much higher than anticipated, all renovations planned for the existing building except the office complex were withdrawn and the package was resubmitted for bidding. The project was then successfully bid and Harvey Construction Company began work.

The phasing out process of the Eagle Convalescent Center began in September with one floor being closed and the patients moved to Boscawen. During the latter part of the year, plans for completely phasing out the Eagle by January 30, 1976 were made. Special thanks should be given to the staff of the Eagle for their dedication to the patients during this most difficult time. I would like to personally commend my two assistants, Mary E. Jelley, R.N., and Marjorie Burris, R.N., for their hard work during 1975. Thanks have also been earned by the department heads at the nursing home in Boscawen and the Eagle in Concord for their able assistance during the year.

To all of them and all of the members of the staff, my thanks for a year that has brought success and certainly many new beginnings.

Robert F. Lethbridge  
ADMINISTRATOR

**MERRIMACK COUNTY NURSING HOME  
NUMBER OF PATIENTS**

January 1, 1975 – December 31, 1975

No of Patients Jan. 1, 1975	203
No. of Patients admitted in 1975	130
No. of Patients discharged in 1975	102
No. of Patients December 31, 1975	231



*County Commissioner Edna C. McKenna cuts the ribbon which officially opens the new 48-bed self care addition to the County Nursing Home. With her are Nursing Home Administrator Robert F. Lethbridge (left) and Guy K. C. Wilson, architect (right).*



*Ground Breaking ceremonies for the 200-bed addition to the Merrimack County Nursing Home. (Left to right) are Nursing Home Administrator Robert Lethbridge, County Treasurer Richard Hanson, Commissioner Albert Ayotte, Commissioner Edna McKenna, Commissioner Peter Spaulding, Clerk of the Works Richard Cadarette, and architect Guy Wilson.*

**REPORT OF THE MERRIMACK COUNTY HOME AUXILIARY**

The Merrimack County Home Auxiliary has a membership of about 40 with an average attendance at our meetings of 16. A total of 2,480 hours or more have been spent during the year visiting with the patients and residents, making favors, cancer dressings, and working on fund raising projects.

From May 21 until October 29 Mrs. Evelyn Cook, a member from Franklin, distributed an average of 56 bouquets each week to patients, the recreation room, and other residents of the Home. Mrs. Cook made up the bouquets with flowers from her garden and wild flowers she had gathered. Other members helped her with the distribution.

Many groups and organizations in the County were invited to sponsor a birthday party each month. Our thanks go to several Granges, Church groups, and service clubs for their cooperation. They provided entertainment, birthday cupcakes, refreshments, and cards for residents and patients.

On various holidays during the year over 250 tray favors were made and filled with candy for all the patients of the Home. At Christmas plastic bags were filled with Christmas cookies and decorated with candy canes. About 3,000 cookies were made by members.

Table decorations in the cafeteria were changed each month and this year the mantel in the reception room was decorated by Mrs. Ruth Holcomb.

Some of the activities in which the Auxiliary participated include a booth at the Hopkinton Fair, helping patients to attend activities at the Home, food sales, and miscellaneous yard sales outside the Home.

An afghan made by Ethel Sanborn of Tilton was donated to our group. We sold chances on the afghan, which provided us with additional funds. Some of our funds were used to provide a bus to take 36 patients on a foliage trip to the White Mountains and to purchase bird seed for the feeders in the winter, since many patients enjoy watching the birds. A washer and dryer were purchased for the use of patients in the new wing which opened in January.

Books, magazines, yarn, and other materials required for craft projects were brought in during the year by our members.

Merchants and friends in the towns of the County donated articles for a Christmas Store held at the Home the first Wednesday in December so that patients could purchase gifts at minimal cost for their families and friends. Carts with gift items were taken to those patients who were unable to leave their rooms. Purchases were gift wrapped if patients desired.

The Auxiliary intends to grow and make internal changes in order to keep up with the rapid changes and increase in patients at the Home in order to be of more service and visit more patients more often.

The Auxiliary wishes to thank Mr. Lethbridge and his staff for their help, cooperation and support.

Edythe Clow  
PRESIDENT



*48-bed Self Care Addition to County Nursing Home, Boscawen*

**REPORT OF THE CHAPLAIN OF THE MERRIMACK COUNTY HOME**

The following ministers conducted services during the year:

Donald Jennings — First Congregational Church, Concord

Grif Vautier — First Baptist Church, Concord

Everett Moore, Sr. — Advent Christian Church, Concord

Jim Jensen — Advent Christian Church, Loudon Ridge

Frank Clay — Central Baptist Church, Franklin

Bill Jervis — Hill Community Church, Hill

Joseph Holland — Voice of Faith Chapel, Northfield

Ralph Maxwell — Voice of Faith Chapel, Northfield

Allen Goodwin — First Methodist Church, Penacook

Marie Tolander — Congregational Church, Boscawen

Oliver Northcott — United Church of Christ, Penacook

Lloyd Hackwell — St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Penacook

Franklin Parker — Congregational Church, Chichester

Russell McConnell — Church of Christ, Concord Manor

Charles Ludeking — United Baptist Church, Concord

John Timm — Concordia Lutheran Church, Concord

Ronald Foreman — Salvation Army, Concord

John I. Johnson — Congregational Church, West Concord

Bill Daniels — Immanuel Community Church, Concord Heights

William Keefe — Coordinator, Methodist Conference, Concord

Walter Holder — First Baptist Church, Concord

Although the Chaplain was hospitalized for several months, the above pastors assisted in meeting the needs of the Home residents. On each First Sunday of the month, the Lord's supper was offered to those who wished to participate. Mr. Dube continued playing the organ when necessary. Nurses and attendants helped the sick and infirm to attend services. At Christmastime the Boscawen Congregational Church gave its Christmas Cantata in the cafeteria. The chaplain and other pastors visited those unable to attend services, offering communion to those who wished to receive.

Paul Lyons  
CHAPLAIN

**CATHOLIC CHAPLAIN'S REPORT  
MERRIMACK COUNTY NURSING HOME**

To the Merrimack County Commissioners:

I became Pastor of St. Paul's Church in Franklin on May 21, 1975.

Since June and every month since, Father John Poirier and I have celebrated Mass and distributed communion to all the Catholic residents of the Home.

Each of us spent approximately one and one half to two hours every month at the Home.

**Rev. Andre L. Bedard  
PASTOR**

**REPORT OF PHYSICIAN  
MERRIMACK COUNTY NURSING HOME**

To The Merrimack County Commissioners:

The Merrimack County Nursing Home continues to expand with the opening of the North Branch Addition and the transfer of twenty-two patients from the Eagle Convalescent Center in August.

The experience of moving my office to the Nursing Home proved beneficial to all as I was able to give more time to the patients.

My thanks to the Medical Staff, the Administrators, the Department Heads, and the entire staff for their hours of dedicated service.

**J. Kenneth McLeod, M.D.  
CHIEF OF STAFF**

**REPORT OF THE MERRIMACK COUNTY FARM MANAGER**

This was my first full year as farm manager. I found it to be a challenge as well as a pleasure to serve the County in this capacity.

This past year we had a lot of hot weather and a very good growing season. Our gardens were planted early and did very well. We furnished the Home with fresh tomatoes, cucumbers, summer squash, etc., from July until the first frost. We also had an excellent year for sweet corn.

We also saw an improvement in our dairy herd this past year. Our milk production increased with the same number of cows. We had excellent first and second cuttings of hay to use for feed along with corn silage from well-matured fodder corn. The herd production should continue to increase into 1976.

In 1975 we bred 22 sows to meet the large demand for baby pigs. We kept our piggery full at all times and sold the surplus.

The farm now has a new sawdust storage which was built this summer by the maintenance department. It is a building 20' x 20' with ten foot cement walls. It is located on the east side of the dairy barn with a 4' x 4' ell joining it to the barn. This new storage has been a major improvement and very beneficial to the operations of the farm.

During the year we purchased a new crop sprayer and replaced the running gears on the our self-unloading wagons. The sprayer replaced two worn out sprayers, one of which was used for spraying herbicides and the other for spraying insecticides. The new sprayer is equipped with a plastic tank that can be washed out easily, leaving no residue, which allows both herbicides and insecticides to be sprayed from it. It has a high-pressure piston pump which can be easily regulated for any crop and does an excellent job. The new gears, along with new tires, enabled us to fill our wagons full of greenchop or corn silage with no worry of breakdowns or flat tires, which saved us a considerable amount of time in filling our silos.

As we are losing a large amount of our farm land to the expansion of the Home, there will probably be some changes in our farm operations in the years ahead.

Walter Lampron  
FARM MANAGER

**REPORT OF THE CORRECTIONS SUPERINTENDENT**

To the Merrimack County Board of Commissioners:

This institution, which is approximately 75 years old, processed 624 inmates in 1975. The Jail side received 459 unsentenced males who were waiting for further court action. In this section there are 24 single cells. The House of Correction side received 155 court committed men with sentences ranging from one day to one year. Prisoners were used on work details around the County complex. These men were housed in a dormitory type area. In 1975 many more of these inmates were on the daily Work Release Program, which brought income back into the County by charging the inmates board and room for each day while working in the community.

In August I was hard pressed into using the medical facility (located in the center of the building and consisting of six cells) for female offenders. This meant that disturbed male offenders had to be put in with the regular jail population, which caused enormous stress in the facility. We had ten female offenders in 1975; nine unsentenced and one sentenced. Neither the County nor the State has adequate facilities for female offenders, which should be a top priority in the field of corrections.

My staff consists of 14 Correctional Officers, one Correctional Coordinator, and one Secretary. This enables me to have one ranking officer and two Correctional Officers on duty 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Through the Governor's Commission on Crime and Delinquency I was able to further the training of my staff by sending two more Correctional Officers to the 12 week course on "Correctional Guard Training" at St. Anselm's College and one ranking officer to the Third Annual Jail Seminar in Amarillo, Texas.

The Inmate Counselling and Rehabilitation Program offered educational, psychological, work release, vocational, and employment services to sentenced offenders. This program attempted to maintain and strengthen the ties between an inmate and his community. Plans for 1976 include offering drug and alcohol counselling on a formal, regular basis.

At this time I wish to thank the Board of Commissioners for their confidence in me. My thanks also for the assistance given to me by Rodney Tenney, County Coordinator; to Dr. McLeod and the medical staff of the Nursing Home; and to all department heads in County government for their assistance this past year. And once again, my sincerest thanks and appreciation to the most dedicated people in corrections, my staff.

Edmund A. Cox, Jr.  
CORRECTIONS SUPERINTENDENT

**MERRIMACK COUNTY HOUSE OF  
CORRECTION AND JAIL**

**CRIMES COMMITTED IN 1975**

Type of Crime	Number
Arson	7
Assault	55
Burglary	52
Conspiracy	10
Contempt of Court	48
Contributing to Delinquency of a Minor	4
Crim. Liab. for Cond. of Another Misdemeanor	1
Criminal Mischief	12
Criminal Threatening	6
Criminal Trespassing	20
Derisive Words	1
Deserter	5
Deviant Sexual Behavior	6
Disobeying Police Officer	2
Disorderly Conduct	64
Drug Offenses	77
Endangering Welfare of Child	2
Escape Offenses	4
Failure to Appear	4
Failure to Obtain Permit	5
False Reports	6
Forgery	2

Fugitive from Justice	11
Habitual Offender	3
Harrassment	1
Illegal Possession of Beer	1
Intoxication	26
Issuing Bad Checks	7
Kidnapping	4
Littering	2
Local Ordinance Pertaining to Junk Yards	1
Malicious Damage	2
Possession of Dangerous Weapon	5
Possession of Pistol by Felon	2
Prohibited Acts	9
Protective Custody	2
Rape	2
Resisting Arrest	13
Robbery	13
Sexual Assault	5
Spillage of Material	1
Tampering with Witness	3
Theft	83
Traffic Violations	140
Transits	8
Violation of Parole	5
Violation of Probation	10

**MERRIMACK COUNTY HOUSE OF  
CORRECTION AND JAIL**

**INMATES COMMITTED FROM VARIOUS COURTS  
IN 1975**

Court	Number
Concord District	120
F.B.I.	1
Franklin District	83
Henniker District	11
Hillsborough Superior	2
Hooksett District	16
Loudon District	2

Manchester District	1
Merrimack Superior	89
New London District	9
Pittsfield Municipal	7
State Prison	6
U.S. District	1
U.S. Marshal	3
Various Law Enforcement Agencies	237

**INMATES PROCESSED IN 1975**

House of Corrections	156
Jail	468
	<hr/> TOTAL
	624
Inmates on January 1, 1975	35
Inmates Admitted in 1975	589
Inmates Discharged in 1975	595
Inmates on December 31, 1975	29

## **REPORTS OF COUNTY AFFILIATED AGENCIES**

### **MERRIMACK COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE**

Since 1911, the Cooperative Extension Service has been an integral part of the University of New Hampshire, with Extension Offices located in each of the ten counties. The Merrimack County Extension office is a contact point with UNH and especially with the College of Life Science and Agriculture, of which Extension is a part.

Through the Merrimack County office, informal educational programs are offered to county residents of all ages in ten areas of program emphasis: environmental quality; quality of personal and family living; helping communities develop their full potential; problems and potentials of our senior citizens; management and use of natural resources; wise spending of the consumer dollar; production, processing, marketing and distribution of agricultural products; youth development through 4-H; recreation and tourism; and nutrition education for persons with limited incomes.

The Merrimack County office is staffed by six county agents: a Home Economist, Agricultural Agent, County Forester, Assistant County Forester, and two 4-H Youth Development Agents. In addition, there are three area agents, a Dairy Agent, a Poultry Agent, and a Community Resource Development Agent.

Merrimack County Extension is guided by local people in establishing program priorities. Advisory councils made up of county residents work in each major area of emphasis in order to assure that programs will meet the needs of county residents.

Extension reaches the public through educational workshops and courses, a weekly radio show, newspaper articles, 4-H youth clubs, Home Economics Extension groups, visits to farmers and woodland owners, newsletters to interested persons, and office visits, to name only a few.

Merrimack County Extension programs are available to all persons regardless of race, creed, color, sex, ethnic background or economic status. Anyone with a question or desire to learn more in any area of program emphasis is encouraged to contact the Merrimack County Extension Service in the County Administration Building.

Kathleen D. Cook  
COORDINATOR

### BELKNAP-MERRIMACK EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ADMINISTRATION

The Belknap-Merrimack Employment and Training Administration in Concord has helped to fill a valuable human services need in Merrimack County since September 1974. BMETA's main task is to provide training and employment opportunities to disadvantaged people, thus upgrading the county work force by turning previously dependent individuals into self-supporting, productive workers. Programs, funded by the U.S. Department of Labor under the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act of 1973, include on-the-job training, work experience (basic or refresher employment training for those who have never worked or who have been out of work for years), and specialized skill instruction through schools or other training establishments. BMETA also administers the national public service employment program in Merrimack County, part of the President's emergency jobs program.

The three Merrimack County Commissioners form half of BMETA's governing board; the others are the Commissioners from Belknap County. The Executive Director carries out the policies formed by the Commissioners. This includes funding of temporary jobs with government and non-profit bodies; contract arrangements with schools and employers who teach job skills; and some direct aid to trainees. The BMETA staff of job developers and counselors arranges and supervises jobs and training for all participants; counsels them during employment or training; and directs them into permanent, unsubsidized jobs. BMETA gives special attention to those who would have difficulty finding permanent work regardless of the state of the economy. These include, among others, dropouts, youths, offenders, and female heads of households.

Daniel J. Seibert  
**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

**CONCORD REGIONAL VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION****THE HOMEMAKER PROGRAM**

The Homemaker Program services individuals and/or families in Merrimack County where the family homemaker is, for various reasons such as illness or incapacity, unable to attend to the home. The program was designed to avoid unnecessary institutionalization and to keep a family unit together in a crisis situation.

The program employs seven homemakers (three full time and four part time), a secretary/bookkeeper, two supervisors (one in Franklin and one in New London), and a program manager. To service the entire county adequately, the Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association is working together with the Franklin and Kearsarge Visiting Nurse Associations through contractual arrangements. At the present time the program serves about 60 people throughout the County. All the homemakers have received a sixty hour training course upon employment and, in addition, attend a monthly inservice training program.

The Homemaker Program is funded through \$14,500 allocated by Merrimack County, which is then matched on a one-to-three basis by the Division of Welfare, Title XX monies. The overall program budget for the current year is \$53,960.

Referrals for the service come from various sources: The Division of Welfare, the Mental Health Center, the Concord Regional VNA nurses, the Community Action Program, family and friends. Although the amount of time a homemaker spends in the home depends on the individual situation, the average time of a visit is between two and three hours. Most patients are seen about once or twice a week.

During the last program year, 92 patients were admitted to the Homemaker Program.

Lutie K. Piper  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**CENTRAL N. H. COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, INC.**

This year was a milestone in the Center's history. Having been primarily an out-patient service for 10 years, this year we became a comprehensive mental health center. It took many months and numerous hours of planning and grant writing. With this new money, the Center was able to begin inpatient services at the Concord Hospital, partial hospitalization services (day treatment) and expand its already existing out-patient, consultation and education and emergency services. The service output increased by a total of about 30% over last year.

Concurrent with establishment of new services, upgrading and expansion of existing services, came also expansion and improvement of the administrative and financial process, exemplified in the hiring for the first time of a full time Business Manager.

While the greatest growth took place in Concord, changes also happened in the two other locations. A small activity program was operated in Franklin for a short period during the end of the year, which formed an experiential basis upon which future activity programs for both inpatients and out-patients can be designed. During this year, the Concord Development Center, the Center's program for the developmentally delayed, also began a satellite service in Franklin.

Concrete plans were also made for a branch office in New London to serve part of the catchment area now served by the Henniker office.

This was also the first year during which the County made money available for the express purpose of serving clients in the various County institutions and in the care of County programs. Staff from the Mental Health Center have therefore spent considerable time in Boscawen and have treated people referred by County officials in its various locations.

While services were added and expanded, space still remained a problem. At the beginning of the year, the Center was operating out of several locations, and even the combined quarters were too small. Through the efforts of the Board, especially the outgoing President, Neil Castaldo, new rented space was secured at 5 Market Lane. At the end of January the move was made to the new facility, which had been renovated to the Center's specifications. The new quarters provide approximately 12,000 square feet of office, treatment and meeting space.

As if all these changes were not enough, the Board of Directors, at its January Board meeting, voted to change the name. From then on the Center became known as Central N. H. Community Mental Health Services, Inc. The name was chosen to more accurately reflect that the services provided by this organization cover all of the catchment area.

Although this report so far has dealt with the quantitative expansion of services, there has been a parallel emphasis on the improvement in the quality of care given, and will be the main focus for next year. A community mental health center is only viable as long as its services are of such quality that it is chosen by people from all walks of life because of its superior quality and not because of ability to pay. The nature of its success lies not primarily in the number of clients served or the number of service units produced but in the impact its services have on individuals in need of help. In order to accomplish this the mental health center will hire the best people it can afford, provide in-service training for its staff and start an accountability system which will give all staff regular feedback on the result of their efforts. The latter, it should be mentioned, is prompted by staff itself. Although major expansion in programs is not contemplated for the coming year, the Center will probably start to provide services in the New London Hospital.

Because of a new law passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor in the spring of 1974, increased funding will begin to come from health insurance. This shift from block grant to fee for service has long been anticipated not only in relation to health insurance carriers but also in the type of grants awarded by federal and state agencies. It will require a more accurate record keeping on the part of the Center and a streamlining of the financial process, and will also provide for expansion of staff as the demands for services increase.

In summary, this year has been a year of changes without disruption of services. The next year will probably be one of consolidation and continuous improvement of the care provided.

Terje Reinertsen  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**MERRIMACK COUNTY  
RETIRED SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM**

The purpose of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program in Merrimack County is to create a variety of meaningful opportunities for persons of retirement age to participate more fully in the life of their communities through volunteer service.

RSVP volunteers aged sixty and over receive accident and liability insurance, and reimbursement for transportation and meals during a volunteer day. The twelve-passenger RSVP van provides door-to-door transportation for some volunteers on a regular basis.

During 1975, RSVP volunteers from Concord, Chichester, Bow, Suncook, Warner, Potter Place, Epsom, Pittsfield, Pembroke, Boscawen, Loudon, Canterbury, and Pembroke gave 36,667 hours of volunteer service to over 50 non-profit agencies and schools.

The increased enrollment of older people in RSVP each year plus the growing number of hours of service indicate that the Retired Senior Volunteer Program is providing a needed service both to the older population in Merrimack County and to schools and non-profit agencies as well.

**COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM  
BELKNAP-MERRIMACK COUNTIES, INC.  
1975**

The Community Action Program Belknap-Merrimack Counties, Inc. provided a wide range of services and programs to residents of every town and city in Merrimack County in 1975. These services were delivered locally through a network of Community Action Program outreach offices located in Pittsfield, Suncook, Franklin, Concord, Warner, and New London.

In total, 12,617 individuals in Merrimack County received services including: Head Start, Day Care, Summer Camp, Rent-a-Kid, Manpower, Carpentry Training, Elderly Meals, Shopping Assistance, Family Planning, Information and Referral, Housing Assistance, Fuel Loans, Winterization, Food Stamp Assistance, Emergency Transportation, Farmer's Home Loan

Assistance, Food Co-ops, Operation Green Thumb, and Transportation. The operating budget of the Community Action Program Belknap-Merrimack Counties, Inc. is supported by grants and contracts from eleven federal and state agencies, private donations, twenty-six towns, three cities and Merrimack County.

Merrimack County provided matching funds for Meals-on-Wheels and Transportation, and is the sub-grantee for the Construction and Carpentry Skills Training Program from the New Hampshire Commission on Crime and Delinquency. A summary of each of these programs follows:

### **Meals on Wheels**

12,093 nutritious hot meals were home delivered to elderly incapacitated or convalescing residents of Merrimack County. A total of 239 different persons from ten towns and cities in Merrimack County participated in this project in 1975. 350 meals are delivered each week. This program is supplemented by a congregate meals program which served 591 meals per week to 500 different clients from 20 towns and cities.

### **Transportation**

The Merrimack County Rural Transportation System provided 4,160 round trip rides during 1975 for a total of 26,000 miles. 139 elderly passengers from twenty towns in Merrimack County utilized the Rural Transportation System in order to gain access to medical appointments, shopping, and other services in the City of Concord. In addition, emergency and individual transportation was provided to 545 individuals in seventeen towns and cities.

The Rural Transportation System operates 10 routes per week from outlying areas into Concord with an average passenger count of 80.

### **Construction and Carpentry Skills Training**

Under a jointly funded project by the New Hampshire Commission on Crime and Delinquency and the New Hampshire Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, the Community Action Program Belknap-Merrimack Counties, Inc. provided specialized construction and carpentry training to work release prisoners, parolees, probationers, and other risk underskilled persons from Merrimack County Jail and N. H. State Prison. During 1975, twenty-five trainees were involved in on-the-job training while constructing low/moderate income housing for Farmer's Home Administration qualified buyers. The project successfully graduated sixteen trainees during

1975, who are now employed in a variety of jobs, including: painting contractor, private building contractors, automotive repairs, and private industry. Each trainee receives 1,000 hours of training. During 1975, nine houses were completed.

The Community Action Program Belknap-Merrimack Counties, Inc. is grateful for the support and cooperation of Merrimack County for Meals on Wheels, Rural Transportation System, and Construction Carpentry Skills Training. Such support is vital in order to continue these programs aimed at reducing institutionalization, promoting self-sufficiency, reducing unemployment, and promoting rehabilitation.

The direct benefits realized by the recipients of these services are paralleled by an indirect benefit to the County in decreased admission to nursing homes and increased adjustment and integration of former prisoners into society, thus lessening overall County expenditures for these services.

Richard E. Kelley  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**MERRIMACK COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

During the past year the Merrimack County Conservation District improved its on-going service to individuals. Over six hundred technical services were provided on a wide range of soil and water problems. Advice was given on concerns such as drainage, erosion control, and soil suitability for various potential land users.

Eleven farm owners were given assistance with the development of complete conservation plans on their property. As a result of our engineering assistance, landowners in the County installed over two miles of agricultural drainage, eleven multipurpose ponds, and approximately two thousand five hundred feet of diversion terraces.

A number of governmental units also requested and received assistance on various land use concerns. Typical among these types of requests were prime agricultural soil information for the City of Concord; location of water supply and dry hydrant locations for Bow and the City of Franklin; soil analysis and interpretation for sanitary landfill sites in Bradford and Sutton; soil analysis for disposal of municipal waste water effluent on New London's proposed sewage treatment project; and site evaluation for a town recreation area in Danbury.

During the past year the District moved ahead on a number of new programs. Among the more notable projects initiated were publication and distribution of a quarterly newsletter to all cooperators of the district; development of an informational brochure; initiation of a pond stocking program; and hosting a number of meetings with other conservation oriented organizations including WSPCC, State Water Resources Board, Special Board of Dredge and Fill, State Fish and Game Department, and a workshop for conservation contractors.

Staffing of a secretarial position with funds provided through the County enabled the District to better fulfill its function of service to residents and landowners in the County through expanded programs and more effective service.

Robert Hibbard  
CHAIRMAN

### **CENTRAL NEW HAMPSHIRE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DISTRICT**

The Central New Hampshire Emergency Medical Services District was established under the Emergency Medical Services Systems Act passed by Congress and signed by the President late in 1973 with the purpose of providing Federal financial support, technical assistance, and encouragement for the development of better emergency medical services in communities throughout the nation.

Situated in the heart of Merrimack County, the Concord office is governed by a 12 member Advisory Council representing all aspects of an emergency medical services system. The major goal for the District is to provide a system for any individual stricken by sudden illness or trauma to receive the best possible emergency care at the scene, during ambulance transportation and at the hospital. This goal is an on-going process of self examination and evaluation by all components within the system. Police, fire, prehospital, M.D., R.N., hospital administrators, business, Red Cross and general public representatives are all working together within the County to achieve this goal.

Major accomplishments within the District during the past year are: a standardized emergency run sheet for all ambulances, a radio communication sheet to relay emergency patient information to hospital personnel, installation of a new radio system donated by the Concord Hospital Associates to the Concord Hospital Emergency Department, refresher training program for Emergency Medical Technicians, public education and training programs and the formation of a 12 member EMS Advisory Council.

George F. Haigh III  
PROJECT COORDINATOR



